

**CHAPTER 1125**  
**COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES**  
*H.F. 2446*

**AN ACT** relating to county medical examiner fees.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 331.802, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

b. (1) Except as provided in section 218.64 or as otherwise provided by law, for each preliminary investigation and the preparation and submission of the required reports, the county medical examiner and medical examiner investigator shall receive from the county of appointment or the decedent's county of residence a fee determined by the board of the county of appointment plus the examiner's and investigator's actual expenses.

(2) The fee and expenses paid by shall be submitted by the county medical examiner and the medical examiner investigator as a joint invoice to the county of appointment shall be reimbursed to the county of appointment by the county of the person's residence which may immediately pay the invoice. If the county of appointment pays the invoice, the county of appointment shall seek reimbursement from the decedent's county of residence.

(3) If the county of appointment elects not to pay an invoice under subparagraph (2), the county shall forward the joint invoice to the decedent's county of residence for payment to the county medical examiner and the medical examiner investigator. If the county medical examiner and medical examiner investigator do not receive payment from the county of the decedent's residence within sixty days of receiving the joint invoice, the county of appointment shall pay the invoice.

(4) However, if If the person's death is caused by a defendant for whom a judgment of conviction and sentence is rendered under section 707.2, 707.3, 707.4, 707.5, or 707.6A, the county of the person's residence or the county of appointment, as applicable, may recover from the defendant the fee and expenses.

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